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ESTABLISHED FACTS.

Concerning Graham County, which are Well Worth Serious Consideration by those Seeking New Homes, or Men Seeking Profitable Investment for Capital.

The agricultural resources of the Gila valley are both varied and extensive, comprising an area of arable land of which there is at present tributary to canals and ditches, 40,000 acres which is capable of being irrigated. The principal products are alfalfa, wheat, corn, barley, oats, vegetables, deciduous and certain classes of citrus fruits.

This is the natural home of alfalfa, of which from 4 to 5 crops are grown yearly, yielding from 5 to 8 tons per acre. It is not as stocky as that which comes from the Salt River valley and is preferable for either horses or cattle. Wheat, barley and oats grow prolifically, the former containing a very large amount of nutrition. Yellow dent, white gourd and other large varieties of corn yield productively, vegetables are large and solid and come to maturity two months earlier than in the eastern and middle states.

The valley and hill lands are adapted to all of the products of the temperate zone, and many of the fruits of the semi-tropical countries. The apples equal in size and flavor the prize winners of the eastern states. The seedling fruits are unexcelled in size and general excellence. Apricots and apples both grow with a surprising rapidity. The peaches in appearance and taste are identical with those which come from the famous orchards of New Jersey.

Canagie grows wild, some of the tubers being as large as good sized potatoes. Tests now show that canagie root, which flourishes near Thomas, in the lower portion of the valley, contains a large per cent of tannic acid than any ever sent to the extract works from either Arizona or New Mexico.

Farming lands can be purchased at from \$50 to \$100 per acre, including improvements and water rights. Uncultivated land without water right is free to any settler under the United States homestead law. This class of farms will eventually become valuable when the canal facilities have been increased.

The cost of maintaining the canals which are owned by the farmers varies from 30 cts. to \$1.00 per acre per year.

The following are the market values of the products of the soil at the ranch, there being ready sale for everything raised in the valley.

Wheat	\$1.35 per cental.
Barley	1.25 " "
Corn	1.00 " "
Hay	6.00 to \$8 per [ton]
Hogs	4 cts per pound
Apples	5 " " "
Potatoes	3 " " "
Cattle from	\$11 to \$18 delivered in Safford.
Milk cows	\$25.00 to \$30.00

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

NORTH CAROLINA ROAD.

Splendid Macadamized Highway Built Mainly by Convicts.

While in Georgia last summer, I had an opportunity of examining a road made by convicts. Half way out from Port Valley to the Hale's peach orchard, we came upon the "chain gang" at work. The first thing we saw was a white man sitting under a tree with a loaded rifle in his hands, while up the road at some distance sat another similarly armed. Between them worked a squad of 12 or 15 colored convicts. Each wore a striped suit, and had an iron ball chained to his leg. While they worked, this ball and chain were fastened around the waist. Several were driving mules and scrappers, while others worked with pick and shovel. They were all hard at work and, apparently, good-natured and happy. Later we saw where they spent the night. A large tent was pitched at the edge of a wood, with small, open fires burning near it. After their supper of



MACADAMIZED ROAD BUILT BY CONVICTS.

corn bread and molasses, salt pork and fruit, the convicts crawled into the tent where they were chained together for the night. After an hour of singing and talking, they fell asleep and snored contentedly till daylight, when they were crowded out for breakfast and another day on the road.

It was said that all the roads in Houston county were made by convicts. There were no jails for petty offenders; as fast as convicted, they were sent out to the chain gang and put to work. At first thought, the sight of that armed guard and the stories of whippings that were told, made the whole thing seem like a relic of a barbarous age. Yet, I saw enough to convince me that those convicts were better off working on that road than they would have been cooped up in a hot jail, and subject to all the evils of idleness. I would be glad to see the fat and lazy inmates of our northern jails out on the roads at work. If a drunkard, a thief or a wife-beater were made to understand that jailing meant hard and constant labor on the road, such people would think a good many times before they duplicated the crime that forced them into such service.

As to the character of the work done by these Georgia convicts, there can be no doubt of its value. I have never seen neater work done on a country road. They went straight through a rough country, cutting through hills, and filling low places in a thoroughly workmanlike manner. The cost to the county was ridiculously small as compared with the usual system of contracting. In the cut is shown a picture of a road in North Carolina made chiefly by convict labor. The load of cotton shown weighs 6,000 pounds. Many a farmer has had a hard struggle to haul two bales into a southern town. This road is macadamized with three layers of broken stones of different sizes well spread and packed. The picture is taken from the Year Book of the department of agriculture—an excellent volume that all farmers should obtain from Washington.—Rural New Yorker.

BICYCLES AND ROADS.

Indirectly the Wheeling Craze Will Be of Value to Farmers.

It is estimated that 500,000 bicycles will be sold the present year, to such enormous proportions has the craze for the "wheel" attained. I do not suppose that any great number of these will go into the hands of farmers, and yet the farmer is likely to be as greatly benefited by this piece of mechanism as any class of citizens, for while country people have for generations been dragging along over poor, rough and muddy roads, no sooner has this great army of bicyclers arisen than there has arisen a concerted movement all over the country for better roads. Never before has public attention been so sharply drawn to this matter of wretched highways, and what is more to the purpose, substantial progress has been made, not only in arousing public opinion, but in actually forcing a beginning to be made in scientific road construction. In many instances states have taken hold of the matter and are constructing state highways, while elsewhere counties have undertaken the same work. Nothing succeeds like success, and the experience with these new roads is sure to lead to the building of others near them, and so the good work will spread.—Practical Farmer.

Annual Loss from Poor Roads.

Gen. Roy Stone, government engineer in charge of the department of road inquiry, said at the National Good Roads conference at Asbury Park last year that there are about 500,000,000 tons of freight hauled over roads every year on the United States, and 60 per cent. of the cost of doing it was due to bad roads. He believed that the loss from poor roads in this country would aggregate no less than \$623,000,000 annually.

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He Didn't. "Do you take pains with your pictures, sir?" she asked the photographer. The picture taker failed to grasp her idea, for he answered: "Madam, if you have pains you should wait until you get rid of them before sitting for your pictures." Stabbing the photographer with the daggers in her eyes she shot out.—Roxbury Gazette.

A Calculation. "I wonder if sleeves will be as big next year as they are this?" said the fashionable girl. "I hope not," replied the economical girl. "Why, if they're not you'll have to make all your wardrobe over." "Of course; and then I can take one dress and make two of it."—Washington Star.

A Wasted Heart. "Take back the heart thou gavest me," And his smile of hopefulness faded. "For what use to a man can it possibly be With a bob-tail flush of apud?" Truth.

GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK.



"Yes, my boy, it's over a hundred years old, and goes for eight days without winding." "And how long does it go when you wind it?"—Judy.

Her Wifely Care. Mrs. Cumso—Mrs. Tiff is nursing her sick husband with assiduous care. I had no idea she cared so much for him. Mr. Cumso—If Mrs. Tiff's husband outlives his elder brother he will inherit \$100,000. If he dies first, the fortune goes to the third brother.—Town Topics.

Silvers. Bob was crying as he held his right hand extended, the fingers out stretched. "What is the trouble, my boy?" asked his father. "I hurted my hand," said Bob, "a-strokin' th' hair on our thellardoor th' wong way."—Judge.

Exchange of Confidence. Mr. Jinks—I don't know how you will feel about it, sir, but the fact is that my wife, your daughter, is a dreadfully hard woman to live with. Mr. Blinks—I can sympathize with you, sir. I married her mother.—N. Y. Weekly.

Division and Distracted. Spotts—Now, if I understand correctly, the first principle of socialism is to divide with your brother man. Potts—Then you don't understand it correctly. The first principle of socialism is to make your brother man divide with you.—To Date.

He Was a Stranger. "Do you put an 'e' in whisky here?" asked a new reporter of a Kentucky paper. "No," replied the editor, who was slightly deaf; "we put nothing in whisky here. We take it straight."—Bay City Chat.

Plain. "If a fellow has a chance to marry a poor, handsome girl, or a rich, plain girl, which do you think he ought to do?" "It looks to me as if the proper course is a plain one in that case."—Indianapolis Journal.